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MILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the milk producers in rural areas are facing serious problems regarding the quality of the milk competition and the import of the milk;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to provide relief to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Ministry of Agriculture has not received any reports, in the recent past, of any problems being faced by the milk producers regarding the quality of milk competition and any problems due to import of milk.

However to protect the interest of Indian dairy farmers, the Government had enhanced the duty on import of skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder from 0 to 60% with an annual Tariff Rate Quota of 10000 MT for both lines together on global basis with 15% duty after holding negotiations with it`s trading partners under Article XXVIII of GATT which was duly notified in the Gazette by Ministry of Finance on 12th June 2000.